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§14-504.

(a) This section does not apply to a dentist performing acupuncture in connection with the practice of dentistry if the dentist is licensed or otherwise authorized to practice dentistry under Title 4 of this article.

(b) Unless licensed under Title 1A of this article, a physician shall be registered by the Board before the physician may perform acupuncture in this State.

(c) The Board shall register to perform acupuncture any physician who meets the following requirements:

(1) (i) Successful completion of at least 200 hours of training in a program of study in acupuncture, including any examinations required under the program, approved for category 1 continuing medical education credit by an institution accredited or recognized by the Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education; or

(ii) Successful completion of a course of study approved by the Board which includes at least 200 hours of instruction in:

1. General and basic aspects of acupuncture;
2. Specific uses and techniques of acupuncture; and
3. Indications and contraindications of acupuncture administration;

(2) Ability to communicate in the English language;

(3) Payment of application and registration fees; and

(4) Other reasonable conditions determined by the Board.

(d) A physician who is registered under this section may perform acupuncture on or off the premises of the physician's office.

(e) A physician who performs acupuncture may advertise only as permitted by the rules and regulations of the Board.

(f) The Board may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

(g) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14–405 of this title, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of its quorum, may reprimand or place a physician who performs acupuncture on probation or suspend or revoke the registration of a physician for:

(1) Any conduct prohibited under the provisions of this section or prohibited under any regulation adopted pursuant to the provisions of this section;

(2) Except in an emergency life–threatening situation where it is not feasible or practicable, failing to comply with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s guidelines on universal precautions; or

(3) Failing to display the notice required under subsection (h) of this section.

(h) If a physician who performs acupuncture is engaged in the private practice of acupuncture in this State, the physician who performs acupuncture shall display the notice developed under § 1-207 of this article conspicuously in each office where the physician is engaged in practice.

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